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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Schade, Deborah A. et al.) Group Art Unit: 1617
Serial No.: 09/381,484) Examiner: Shengjun Wang
Filed: February 28, 2000) Deposit Account: 50-2548
For: Use of Docosahexaenoic Acid)
And Arachidonic Acid Enhancing)
The Growth of Preterm Infants)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 14, 2003, please consider the following amendment and remarks. The present response was due on August 14, 2003. Therefore, the present response is being submitted with the required three-month extension of time request under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 to extend the period of response to November 14, 2003. If any further extension of time or additional fees for the accompanying response are required, Applicants request that this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required to Deposit Account 50-2548.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

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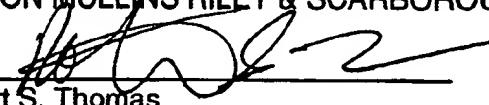
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Respectfully requested,

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